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THE SOUTH'S COTTON INDUSTRY.

Was Built Up by Co-Operation and Encouragement From Railroads.

A Washington correspondence of the 31st, to the Times-Union, says letters received by some of the Senators and Representatives from Southern States indicate that there is considerable opposition in that section of the country to the proposition to confer on the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to fix transportation charges, and the opinion that legislation should be confined to the prevention of rebates and discriminations seems to be growing, especially in the South. The reason for this is that many persons in that section of the country who have given the matter consideration fear that, under any system of rates made by the government, the South would not have relatively as favorable rates as at present.

RATE ADJUSTMENT.

The present adjustment of rates affecting the Southern States has been gradually evolved through the constant efforts of the railways of that section to develop an increased volume of traffic by encouraging the establishment of new industries along their lines and by co-operating with established industries in developing the natural resources of the Southern States as rapidly as possible. The rapid growth of the cotton manufacturing industry of the South is cited as an illustration of what has been done in this direction. In 1870 there were only 151 cotton mills in the Southern States. On August 31, 1905, there were 766 Southern cotton mills in operation, with 8,211,734 spindles, and still more mills were being erected. A generation ago the Southern cotton mills were manufacturing chiefly the coarser grades of goods, principally for local consumption. They are now turning out all grades and their products are on sale in all the markets of the world. Another illustration of the growth of the cotton manufacturing industry of the South is afforded by the statistics of the consumption of raw cotton. In 1881 the Southern mills used only 221,000 bales of cotton, while the New England mills used 1,574,000 bales. In the year ended August 31, 1905, the Southern mills used 2,140,151 bales, and the New England mills 2,138,829 bales. These figures show an enormous increase in the output of the Southern mills, and they show that in the last manufacturing year those mills for the first time used more cotton than was used in New England.

RAILWAY COOPERATION.

It is contended that this remarkable development of the cotton manufacturing industry of the South would have been absolutely impossible but for the cooperation of the railways in that section. The managers of the railways of the South have realized that the prosperity of their lines depended upon their being able to build up prosperous communities in their territory and to develop a constantly increasing volume of traffic. With this end in view they have encouraged the establishment of cotton factories along their lines, have made favorable rates on the products of those mills that have enabled them to compete successfully in common markets with the products of mills in other localities. The real development of the cotton-manufacturing industry of the South may be said to date from 1880. Prior to that time cotton goods were carried from Southern points at first-class rates--the rate from Atlanta to New York being \$1.45 per 150 pounds, and other rates from South in proportion. In 1880 the Southern roads began carrying cotton goods at fifth-class rates, slashing the charge from Atlanta to New York to 60 cents per 100 pounds in one cut. That rate is now 55 cents, and rates from other Southern points are correspondingly low.

Representative Lovering of Massachusetts, a member of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, directed attention to these rates on Southern cotton goods last winter when the Esch-Townsend bill was under consideration, pointing out that the rates from Atlanta to Boston were lower than from Boston to Atlanta, and that Southern cotton goods were being sold in Boston in competition with the products of the New England mills. This is made possible by the fact that the all-rail rate from Atlanta to Boston is 58 cents a hundred pounds, while from Boston to Atlanta it is 76 cents, and the rail-and-water rate from Atlanta to Boston is 55 cents, against a rate from Boston to Atlanta of 74 cents.

Substantially similar comparative rate adjustments could be cited, showing that the railways in the Southern States have not confined their efforts by any means to the development of the cotton manufacturing industry. Rates have been made by which the iron and steel products of the South, lumber products, furniture, Southern minerals, and the products of Southern fields, gardens and orchards have been placed in competitive markets on at least as favorable terms as similar products from other parts of the country.

Best line of Work Pants ever in Tallahassee, now at Evans'.

A PITIFUL SIGHT.

The Result of Strong Drink and Fast Living.

[From the Ocala Banner.]

There were seen on our streets last Wednesday three young white men, of good appearance and good health, representatives of respectable families in Florida, chained together and were being conveyed to the convict camps to work out a five years sentence for larceny and robbery.

In a state like Florida, where there are so many new developments on foot, there is no necessity for a young man, a graduate of our schools, who is willing to work being out of employment, and when this is not the case there must be something wrong with the home life.

Speaking of the conviction of those young men, the Tampa Times says:

A most pitiful sight greeted the view of persons having business in the sheriff's office at an early hour this morning, the scene presented being that of three well-appearing and intelligent looking young white men, all members of respectable families, who were sent to the headquarters of the state penitentiary at Ocala, to serve five years for the commission of crimes that resulted from drinking and fast living.

The men were in charge of Warden Bridges, who will send them to the various convict camps from Ocala, there to remain in disgrace and oblivion from the respectable world for the time mentioned.

In the trio, all of whom were bound together with hand cuffs, was Hebern MacWilliams, a member of one of the best known families of the state, who goes to the penitentiary for stealing \$750 from W. B. Cason, of Columbia county, at the house of ill fame conducted by Blanche Underwood. MacWilliams appeared to feel his disgrace greatly, and held back tears of sorrow with difficulty.

Jim Mills and Leonard Hewitt, both of whom were convicted of the charge of robbery at the recent term of criminal court, were the other members of the trio. They did not seem to feel their disgrace as greatly as did MacWilliams, in spite of which the scene created considerable sadness, even among the officers of the law who are accustomed to witnessing such scenes continually. MacWilliams' mother who came to the city to be with her son in the hour of trial, is almost prostrated with grief at her son's conviction.

"That is about the saddest sight I have witnessed for some time," said a well known officer. "I have grown accustomed to witnessing sorrowful scenes, but when three bright young men are condemned to five years of service with the toughest convicts of the state, I can't help letting my sympathies get the better of me. And the cause of the whole thing is drink."

Only 82 Years Old.

"I am only 82 years old and don't expect even when I get to be real old to feel that way as long as I can get Electric Bitters," says Mrs. E. H. Brunson of Dublin, Ga. Surely there is nothing else keeps the old as young and makes the weak as strong as this grand tonic medicine. Cyspepsia, torpid liver, inflamed kidneys or chronic constipation are unknown after taking Electric Bitters a reasonable time. Guaranteed by all dealers.

Fire at Colored Normal.

Just as the old year was spending its last minutes, a short while before 12 o'clock, an alarm of fire was sounded from box 24, and a large blaze could be seen out south from the city, which proved to be the academic building of the Colored Normal and Industrial School, situated on the high hills looking south from the Seaboard Air Line depot.

In the good old days of the long ago the historic house that was destroyed was the home of the Walkers, and many of our older citizens have fond recollections of that grand old place, and regret that another one of the old landmarks, after so many years passes away, although for a number of years it has been used for school purposes, that plantation having gone into other hands than the former owners many years ago.

The building and equipments were valued at \$50,000. The school is situated south of Tallahassee, beyond the water limit, and no help could be given by the fire department. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The building was insured, and will soon be rebuilt, with new equipment.

The Colored Normal is one of the schools provided for by the Buckman bill.

How to Avoid Pneumonia.

We have never heard of a single instance of a cold resulting in pneumonia or other lung trouble when Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken. It not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Dr. C. J. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., writes: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." Sold by all dealers.

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CANAL EXPOSITION PROCLAMATION.

GOVERNOR BROWARD GIVES APPROVAL TO PLAN.

The following proclamation has been issued by Governor Broward, calling the International Isthmian Exposition to be held in Tampa in January, 1908:

State of Florida, Executive Department, Tallahassee, Fla., December 30. --Whereas, It has been suggested that an International and Isthmian Exposition be held in the city of Tampa, Florida, during the months of January, February and March, in the year of our Lord, 1908, in honor and celebration of the commencement of work on the construction of the great Panama Canal by the Government of the United States; and

Whereas, Such an exposition will direct the attention of the whole world to the unsurpassed climate of the State of Florida, its boundless agricultural, mineral, industrial and commercial resources, and its superior maritime advantages as the highway of the world's commerce when said canal is opened for traffic;

Therefore, I, Napoleon B. Broward, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, calling said International and Isthmian Exposition to be held in the city of Tampa, Florida, commencing in the month of January, in the year of our Lord 1908, in celebration of the commencement of work on the Panama Canal by the Government of the United States; and I call upon and urge all the citizens of the State of Florida to unite their efforts in support of said Exposition, and I also request and urge the Senators and Representatives of the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States to invite and secure from said Congress an indorsement of said exposition and a reasonable appropriation in aid thereof.

The Governors of the several States and Territories, comprising the United States of America, are hereby cordially invited to secure the co-operation of their State Legislatures in aid of said exposition, and are requested and urged to secure a proper representation of the resources of their respective States in the exhibits at said exposition; and

His Excellency, the President of the United States, is hereby requested and urged to issue his proclamation through the State Department of the United States, inviting foreign countries to participate in said exposition.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at Tallahassee the capital, this 30th day of December, A. D. 1905. N. B. BROWARD, Governor.

By the Governor, Attest:
H. CLAY CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

APPRECIATED COMPLIMENT.

The Tallahassee True Democrat tries to live up to its name as near as any paper in Florida, and all must admire the paper for its candor.--Gainesville Sun.

A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal-operator of Buffalo, Ohio, writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel and stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicine until I began taking Foley's Kidney cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and feel like a new man. It has done me \$1000 worth of good." For sale by all dealers.

The Miami Record tells of a funny occurrence in a newspaper office, which, of course, was not the Record's: "A joke too good to be suppressed any longer happened to a newspaper editor in--well, not a thousand miles from Miami, the other day. He was sitting in his office smoking, when he had occasion to use his telephone. He arose, laid the cigar he was smoking on a chair and took down the receiver. Just as he lifted the receiver a friend stepped into the office and started to sit down in the chair. Not realizing that the operator could hear what he was saying, and just as she was about to say 'Number, please,' in her sweetest tones, the editor yelled 'Look out there, you'll burn your pants!' For some reason communication between him and central was immediately cut off."--Times-Union.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with lumbago at different times, and tried one physician after another, then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of sufferers." For sale by all druggists.

Legal Cap Paper, 8c. per quire at R. J. Evans'.

FREAK ADVERTISING.

Western "Yankee Methods" Which do not Prevail in the South.

A hardware and implement firm in the West recently devised a unique scheme with phenomenal success, the climax proving not only amusing to the populace, but profitable to the firm. This firm sent to every farmer in their vicinity, several weeks prior to the event, a circular offering a prize of \$10 in gold to the person who, on a specified Saturday, should bring into their town on one vehicle of any description the largest number of persons, the only requirement being that they should arrive before noon, and that each load of humanity should be counted by a member of the firm in front of their place of business.

That nearly every farmer in the two counties not only nibbled, but did his best to run away with the bait, hook, sinker and all, was demonstrated on the designated day, when from every direction, over every road, vehicles of all descriptions and conditions, some drawn by beasts of burden of the bovine species, but mostly by equines of pedigree and well-groomed appearance, began to pour into the town, each conveyance loaded to its capacity with men, women and children.

They began coming soon after sunrise and continued until nearly noon. As each vehicle arrived and deposited its occupants in front of the establishment, the crowd of sightseers as well as contestants increased.

The number of persons brought in by each contestant varied from twenty to fifty until 10 o'clock, when a man arrived with fifty-one. He thought he had the prize until another farmer came in at 10.40 o'clock with a wagon fifty feet long, carrying eighty-six persons. This was so far ahead of any other contestant and it was then so near noon that he figured he could not lose.

"You have it to a certainty," said one of his party.

"I reckon that's what," said he, as he put his hands in his pocket and walked away. He could already feel the money jingling in his clothes. His confidence was so supreme that he bought a new hat and a new tie, and then went to a barber shop and got a shave, haircut and shine on the strength of his belief that he has won the \$10.

But hardly had he emerged from the barber shop when a shout went up from the crowd and they beheld approaching a vehicle the like of which was never before seen in the streets of this town, and probably will never be seen again.

The conveyance was eighty-five feet long and twenty feet wide. It moved on eight wheels and was drawn by eight horses. Seated on the elongated vehicle were enough men and women, boys and girls to start a colony in Oklahoma or open a reservation in Dakota.

The man who held the reins with the skill of a circus driver over the eight horses was from a village of three houses and thirty persons, fifteen miles away. He drove around the square, followed by a throng of cheering persons, and proudly pulled up his octet of steeds at the proper place, where the load of laughing visitors was counted, one by one. There were 110.--Hardware Dealers' Magazine.

A Tragic Finish.

A watchman's neglect permitted a leak in the great North Sea dyke, which a child's finger could have stopped, to become a ruinous break, devastating an entire province of Holland. In like manner Kenneth McIver, of Vancaboro, Me., permitted a little cold to go unnoticed until a tragic finish was only averted by Dr. King's New Discovery. He writes: "Three doctors gave me up to die of lung inflammation, caused by a neglected cold; but Dr. King's New Discovery saved my life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. All druggists.

Be a Man.

He who says "I will!" over and over to himself and tries, and who keeps on saying and trying, is bound to win, whether he be only 18 years of age or 80. The trouble with the average man or woman is to be found in the too-ready disposition to give up. The king (the will) is dethroned long before 80, sometimes before 60 and even before 40. The individual thinks he has lost his chance and the Scripture says: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." He thinks he is not good for much and so thinking he is not good for much. He has lost his grip.

The Original.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar may imitations be offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. Sold by all dealers.

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BETROTHAL

ANNOUNCED.

Miss Ena Taylor to Wed Attorney-General Ellis.

At the house party which has been in progress at the old Haile homestead at Kanapaha, on December 29 the numerous selected guests were pleasantly surprised at the close of the sumptuous dinner by the following announcement from Mr. Justice R. Fenwick Taylor:

"Fourteen hundred years ago a custom was adopted in France that had in it so much of good sense and propriety that it quickly spread to nearly all of the European states. In the year A. D. 1200 the great Archbishop Walter enforced it as an ordinance of the church. That grand old Puritan, Oliver Cromwell, the great pro-Puritan, had his Parliament in 1653 to enact it into law. Our Pilgrim fathers brought it with them to the western world.

"In conservice with this time-honored custom, I now, here, in this dear old home of her mother, around which cluster so many sacredly tender memories, proclaim and announce the marriage engagement of my daughter, Ena, to Hon. William H. Ellis, Florida's distinguished Attorney-General, the marriage to take place in April next, 'when the roses come again.'"

Colonel Ellis responded in his accustomed happy vein.

The happy and distinguished couple being present, received the heartiest congratulations of the entire company.

All the world loves the lover, and while the whole country extends good wishes to the prospective bride of the White House, Florida is equally as interested and as proud that two of her young people, in whom all of us take pride and interest, will be married next April. For the daughter of Justice Taylor and Attorney-General Ellis are not less interesting than the daughter of the President and a Congressman to the whole country--perhaps more dear because so much nearer.--Times-Union.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

One who suffers from chronic constipation is in danger of many serious ailments. Orino Laxativ Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation as it aids digestion and stimulates the liver and bowels, restoring the natural action of these organs. Commence taking it today and you will feel better at once. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is very pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. Sold by all dealers.

Criticism of Courts.

Criticisms of the courts in their administration of justice are quite frequently heard, and it is a subject upon which the considerate thinker and writer is bound to feel himself in something of a dilemma. If he joins in the criticism with enough vigor to attract attention to his remarks, to enforce his views upon the average reader, he must use language which is likely to detract from the respect in which the courts should be held, and thus decrease their influence for good.

There are, however, occasions on which his patience is severely tried, and he is tempted to say harsh things which he might afterwards regret. An incident recently transpired in Chicago, the mere citation of which, without comment, will perhaps sufficiently illustrate the particular difficulty mentioned. Something over a year ago sixteen powerful and influential men were indicted for an alleged crime against the public, for a conspiracy to rob the people by unfair means. They have never been brought anywhere near a trial, and the process is in its first stages--with weary years before it ends in final conviction and punishment.

About a month ago two men employed by this beef trust abstracted from the correspondence files of the trust some papers which would have been strong evidence of guilt. They demanded a price from the officials of the trust for withholding the papers from the hands of the prosecution. The trust at once turned the matter over to the criminal authorities, and today both those misguided young men are under sentence for their crime. The big criminals are as yet untouched, after a year. The little ones are in the pen within a month.

This incident is submitted without comment, further than it justifies the unthinking in being persuaded by the demagogue that the courts are in league with the rich and powerful. It accounts for a state of the public mind that is growing.--Tampa Daily Times.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L.L.D.

Of Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Hoarhound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." For sale by all druggists.